

Board of Directors Minutes
April 10, 2014
8:00 –9:30

Members and Guest Present: Marilyn Canavan, Doug Carnrick, Sally Harwood, Mike Heavener, Elery Keene, John Reuthe (guest), Mike Roy, Clough Toppan, Linda Woods

Elery motioned to accept the minutes from February. Mike R seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Financial Report:

The city account has \$344.71.

Mike R motioned that the receipt of any additional funds be transferred to City account. Sally seconded.

There is \$2674.48 in the checkbook. The bill for the annual meeting and the filing fee for the annual report to the IRS have been paid. Some of these funds are designated for the Mid Maine Climate Adaptation Working Group.

Fundraising Committee Report:

Linda purchased Quicken and will begin using it for record keeping. This will allow for printed reports.

The Fundraising Committee (comprised of those who volunteered at the annual meeting) met on April 4. They discussed various funding options. Their next meeting is Thursday, May 1 at 8:00 in the Winslow Town Office.

Coordinator's Report:

Public Outreach:

Sustain Mid Maine Coalition had a table at Climate Solutions Expo on March 12 at the Augusta Civic Center and at Women's Wellness on April 5 at Thomas College.

Marilyn wrote SMMC's March column in *The Sentinel* that appeared on March 25. Elery wrote the column that appeared on April 8. They are posted on the web site.

Mid Maine Climate Adaptation Working Group:

The Mid Maine Climate Adaptation Working Group had a table at Climate Solutions Expo and gathered names for the Catalyst in 2015. They are hosting Climate Adaptation: Challenges and Opportunities for Energy Resilience on April 22 from 3:00 to 5:00 at KVCOG.

Jennifer summarized the Mid Maine Climate Adaptation Working Group at Managing the Risks from a Changing Climate: Mitigation and Adaptation Strategies, a panel held at Colby on March 19.

Mike Kelly met with Kevin Bright about hosting the Catalyst 2015 at Colby.

Climate Change Policy Team:

Jane and Elery attended the Climate Solutions Summit that focused on climate change policy. Their next meeting is May 5 at 6:30 at the Winslow Public Library.

Education:

Susan MacKenzie will be leading the first Learning Circle “Powering a Bright Future” on April 16, 23 & 30 from 6:00 to 7:30 at Barrels Community Market. Interested individuals are asked to pre-register by April 11 and to purchase the materials from <nwei.org>.

Robert Gorrill, Alexander West, their teacher, and Linda met with Betty and the Board of Directors from the Mid Maine Homeless Shelter to finalize plans for the garden to be built there. Linda received a grant of \$300 cash, \$100 Gardener's Supply Co. gift card, \$55 worth of seeds from the Ark Institute through Sow It Forward. This will be used for the Mid Maine Homeless Shelter Garden.

The next Education Team meeting is April 17 at 8:30 in the mayor's conference room.

Energy:

Members of the Energy Team met with Revision Energy on March 13. It was a very informative meeting about solar power. They will be meeting with Revision again to discuss financing of a community solar project. Jennifer is looking into funding through Efficiency Maine.

Local Foods Team:

The Local Foods Team has not met. They will be sending a Doodle poll because they have a lot to discuss.

Rethink, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Team:

The Rethink, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Team did not compost at Women's Wellness. They are hoping to establish a Green Seal program to assist businesses with recycling. Their next meeting is May 6 at noon at Jin Yuan.

Transportation Team:

The Transportation Team and Active Communities Environment have merged. Each group will continue to work separately to promote public transit, walking, and biking. They will meet quarterly together as a group. The next meeting is May 29 at 4:00 at KVCOG.

Action Item:

Mike H: Contact Jim Wood about the status of rail service to this area

Old Business:

It was suggested that we resume holding team leaders' meetings on a quarterly basis.

SMMC has received a \$80,000 grant from Efficiency Maine. John Rueth distributed a paper copy of the grant proposal. The project involves a collaboration between the Town of Fairfield, the City of Waterville, the Town of Winslow, SMMC, and Elizabeth Reuthe Associates. The purpose of the project is to achieve energy retrofitting activity in a significant percentage of

homes in our communities and to help make Efficiency Maine Trust's incentives more accessible. It is based on how to create a sustainable environment that is ongoing, so this project may move slowly. The goal is to do 25,000 home consultations with improvements made in half of these. Tom Tietenberg, John and Elizabeth Ruethe are the authors of this proposal.

John recommends reading *Fostering Sustainable Behavior* by Doug McKenzie-Mohr.

Elery motioned to authorize Mike H to accept Efficiency Maine Trust funding and execute any documents. Doug seconded. The vote was unanimous.

A review of the Bylaws occurred.

Action Items:

Everyone: Read the Bylaws and send your suggestions to Clough by April 24

Clough: Create a revised draft to send to Linda to send onward to Board members

New Business:

Jennifer Kierstead submitted a letter of interest on behalf of SMMC to NextGen Foundation of Maine to conduct a technical feasibility study that will precisely define how central Maine residents can reduce our carbon footprint and use of fossil fuels by more than 50% by the year 2020, as determined in our vision statements of 2009 and 2013.

The next regular meeting will be **Thursday, May 8 at 8:00** in the **Mayor's Conference Room**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Woods, Coordinator

Elery Keene, Secretary